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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Silverton Howell Prairie Intersection Improvements Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Marion County OR and the project is located at Intersection of Silverton Road NE and Howell Prairie Road NE, Silverton, Oregon, 97381.

The funding is designated for enhancing the intersection with a traffic signal and left turn lanes on each leg. Silverton Road NE is located on the National Highway System and provides the direct route between the cities of Salem and Silverton. The intersection of Silverton Road and Howell Prairie Road is a 4-way stop-controlled intersection that carries more than 10,000 cars each day. As traffic volumes have increased over the years, so have delays during peak hour operation and accompanying safety hazards. Under the current design, the queue of cars waiting to travel through the intersection frequently reaches 1,500 feet long. Moreover, an elementary school on the southeast corner and a gas station on the northeast contribute to congestion at the intersection.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: These enhancements will maintain safety gains and reduce delays and congestion. And of distinct importance, the project will provide safer crossings and transportation access for students to reach the elementary school.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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